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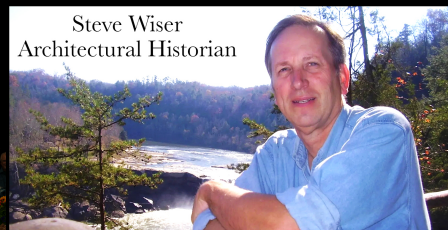
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Silver Hills Historical Society Fall Dinner Event

Featuring Steve Wiser



Steve Wiser
Architectural Historian



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The 13th annual Silver Hills Historical Society fall dinner event and membership meeting was held on Sunday, Nov 2nd. The event was well attended, drawing 90 or more participants. The Thanksgiving dinner catered by A Full Plate of Louisville was outstanding.

The evening event opened with the Silver Hills Historical Society annual membership meeting. Our secretary, Ric Manning, read the previous year's minutes, followed by our treasurer, Dave Holland, giving us an update on the Society's financial health. (The year ending financial statement is enclosed.) Rachel Gish who served as our treasurer for several years stepped down this year. Rachel is one of the top real estate agents in Southern Indiana. She is a busy person. Dave Holland stepped in to take Rachel's place. Director, Kelly Carnighan, gave an update on

the current membership at 204 members. He also recapped the year's historical events and Silver Hills activities: Hauss Historical Home Tour, The Easter Parade, Plant Swap, 2nd annual pickleball and tennis tournament, and the children's tennis clinic.

The Historical Society board of directors serve a three-year term. The current board term ended December 2025. Election of the new board was held at the annual membership meeting. Steve Gohmann volunteered this year to chair the election. There are five board of directors. Those nominated were: Kelly Carnighan, Pat Leist Stumler, Tina Kelso Holland, Peggy Cody, and Bobby Lipps. There being no other nominations, those nominated were approved.

Paula Stein stepped down after serving on the Society board for many years. Paula always conducted herself

with dignity and grace becoming of her character. She was a joy to work with, always showing up with her trademark smile, enthusiasm, and commitment to our mission. Paula will be missed but certainly not forgotten. Peggy Cody was nominated to take Paula's place.

Ric Manning announced his retirement as secretary. Ric has been secretary since the Society was organized in 2012. Ric was well qualified for the job after a successful career as a reporter & editor at the Courier-Journal. Ric's commitment to the preservation of the history unique to Silver Hills went beyond just being secretary. Ric was a key volunteer in the development of the Silver Hills Historic Nature Trail. He helped set up events, maintained the Silver Hills Facebook page, and made himself available when needed. Ric's shoes will be hard to

fill but Scott Tyler has ponied up for the challenge. Scott, a local lawyer, will take Ric's place.

Steve Wisner, an architectural historian, provided our featured presentation. Steve documented the history of Joseph & Joseph Architects founded in 1908, with an office on 4th Street, Louisville, KY. The firm is still in existence today. Joseph & Joseph were the principal architects on two iconic buildings in New Albany, the Elsby Building built in 1916, and the Grand Theater, built in 1909.

What got our attention the most were the before and after pictures of many of the buildings designed by J & J, for many of the buildings were remodeled from their original design. The Elsby Building is unchanged from its original design. On the other hand, the Grand Theater's original design was entirely different from built compared to what it looks like

today. One can see in the picture below the 1909 design and how the Grand looked when the last movie was shown in 1975.



Samuel J. Elsby built the Elsby, where he established the German American Bank & Trust Company.

Elsby made Silver Hills his home from 1918 until his death in 1937. His wife remained on Silver Hills until her death in 1956. Elsby commissioned J & J to design the Elsby Building.



Steve's presentation was very interesting and entertaining. We thank Steve and his wife for joining us, and for their contribution to the event's success.

We also thank those who volunteered to help set up the event: Paula Stein, Tina Kelso, Bobby Lipps, Scott Tyler, Ric Manning, and Kelly Carnighan.

Carol Marie Gohmann Whelan

The loving tribute to Carol Whelan in the June newsletter who passed away in February had two errors. Carol's last name was spelled incorrectly. Also, Gohmann was not Carol's brother, he was her uncle. Limited space did not allow for a full historical account of the Charles Gohmann family. Following is the full story documenting the Charles Louis Gohmann family heritage on Silver Hills.



Charles Louis Gohmann
(1874 – 1951)



Charles Louis Gohmann Family Heritage

There are two branches of the Gohmann family on Silver Hills which both stem from the 1842 Gerhard Heinrich Gohmann family immigration from Germany to Louisville. Two sons, Romanus and Franz (Frank) settled in New Albany working as stove molders. They each had sons who chose Silver Hills as home.

In 1913, Frank's son, Frederick, moved his family into a house on Riddle Road. Children from Frederick's branch of the family who made their home on Silver Hills were: David, Martha Sanders, Conrad, Henry, and Eva Stein. That same year Romanus' son, Charles Louis Gohmann, moved his family to the Hill.

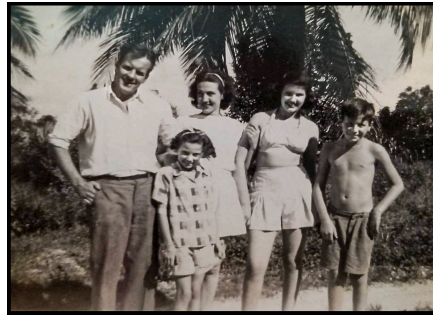
Charles was born in Indiana in 1874. In 1899, Charles married Sallie Vernia of Kentucky. Together they had 7 children: Miriam, Elizabeth, Thomas, Robert, Charles H., Ella, and Mark.

Charles became a prominent resident of New Albany, and a highly respected businessman. Charles was formerly with Anchor Range and Stoves. He founded the Gohmann Bros & Kahler Company along with his brother Edmund, and Joseph Kahler. Articles of incorporation were filed Aug 9, 1903 for the purpose of engaging in the manufacture of stoves and hollowware under the Pointer trade mark. An advertisement was published in the Courier-Journal June 17, 1924, which read:

“Our success in the production of Pointer Ranges is not a secret nor anything mysterious or marvelous. We simply specialize making ranges in large quantity, made for maximum service. Our cost being low allow you to buy a “Dog On Good Range” at an exceptionally good price”.

Charles was one of the founders of the New Albany Country Club in 1922 having provided capital for the development of the club, and served on the Board of Directors.

Between 1913 and 1923, the New Albany City Directory listed Charles living on Highland Avenue, Silver Hills. Beginning in 1924, Charles was listed living on Maple Lane, formerly Kentucky Avenue. In 1920, Charles bought lots 53 and 54 on Maple Lane beginning at the corner of Knob Ave and Maple Lane. Charles bought the property from Martin Insull. Martin was the manager of the local gas and electric companies, and the Louisville and Southern Indiana Traction Company. Martin’s brother, Samuel Insull, owned utilities in 13 Midwest states, and was responsible for buying and restoring the Silver Hills Trolley Car Line in 1905. Martin and his wife, Virginia, made their home on Silver Hills. In 1908, Martin rented Stonehenge on Riddle Road from William P. Lewis. In 1909, Martin and his wife arranged to rent the



*Thomas Gohmann (1907 – 1968)
Carol, Ethel, Margaret
& Martin ca. 1946*

Gwin house on Silver Hills Lane, where they remained for several years. By 1913 the Insulls had left New Albany. It is believed Charles built the large two-story house on Maple Lane where he and his wife raised their family. In 1929, Charles bought the adjoining lots down the west side of Maple Lane, property also owned by Martin Insull. Charles is noted for installing one of the early tennis courts on Silver Hills on one of the adjoining lots.

Three of the Gohmann children made their home on Silver Hills: Miriam, Thomas, and Mark. Mark

lived on Silver Hills Lane with his wife, Mary and their four children: Janet, Charles, John, and Julie. Miriam lived on Alice Avenue with her husband, Joseph Dosch and their son, Joseph, Jr. Thomas married Ethel Marie Gerber in 1928. In 1941 they bought a small house on Camp Avenue, where they raised their three children: Margaret, Martin, and Carol. In 1955 Thomas and Ethel bought the large two-story house on Silver Hills Lane originally built by George Moser in 1924.

Carol and Martin, both lived their entire lives on Silver Hills. Carol Gohmann Whelan was Thomas’s youngest child. Carol was living on Silver Hills Lane when she passed away at the age of 88. Her daughter, Laura Whitus lives on Highland Avenue with her husband, Tom. Laura and Martin’s wife, Ginny and one of Martin’s sons, Marty, carry on the C.L. Gohmann family heritage on Silver Hills.

Alpha Club Anniversary

The Silver Hills Alpha Club celebrated their 130-year anniversary this year. Alice Green founded the literary club in 1895. It has stood the test of time. In days gone by, the event would have appeared in the newspaper social column.

Alpha Club celebrated their 130-year anniversary Friday night, November 7, by hosting a party at Greystone Gables on Silver Hills, residence of Morgan and Chad Sprigler. Members of the Alpha Club and their spouses were present. Dave and Tina Holland performed an original song to commemorate the occasion.



*Craig Nance, Will Loy,
and Jenifer & Mike
Schultz*



Silver Hills Tennis & Pickleball Tournament August 19, 2025



The second annual Silver Hills pickleball and tennis tournament was held on Saturday, August 19. The 2024 champs showed up ready to defend their title. And defend their title they did. Jenifer and Mike Schultz claimed the pickleball title again. Stephen Kraft and



*Scott Tyler, Doug Kraft &
Stephen Kraft, and
Kelly Carnighan*



Pictured second left, George Nance shooting the basketball. Center Picture, the basketball competitors: Elliot Peters, Maverick Mikesell, umpire Mike Darron Mikesell, Gleason Mikesell, Cooper Mikesell, and George Nance. Below: Christopher Tillquist, Jenifer Schultz, John Hale, Gail Stein, Nancy Stein, and Linda Witt.



Doug Kraft won the tennis title a second time, but it was a battle. There was more interest in the basketball shoot out this year with five kids signing up. Cooper Mikesell won the competition. Doug Kraft and Stephen Kraft were our grill chefs cooking up some great burgers and hotdogs enjoyed by all.

Wiley Ellis Children's Tennis Clinic



Gema Mendoza, Amelia Wilburn, Lucy Pulliam, & Eloise Wilburn



Mollie Stanton, Gema, Claire Loy, Claire Bellucci, & Hazel Pinney

The annual childrens clinic will now be named in honor of Wiley Ellis, who taught children on Silver Hills how to play tennis on his court located on Highland Avenue. The clinic ran 8 weeks in the fall. Eleven kids from age 5 to 12 participated. Gema Mendoza from Southern Indiana Tennis Center in Clarksville was the instructor. Gema was a top 5 female collegiate tennis player in the country. She came to the U.S. in 2015 on a tennis scholarship at Bluefield University in Virginia, where she was the #1 singles and doubles player, earning her player of the year honors. She was patient working with the younger kids. Those who participated were: Claire Bellucci, Blake Goltzbach, Claire Loy, Hazel Pinney, Lucy Pulliam, Zena Silva, Jasper Silva, June Springton, Mollie Stanton, Amelia Wilburn, and Eloise Wilburn. Credit goes to Maggie Galloway for putting this together. Pictured above center: *Eloise Wilburn, Mollie Stanton, Amelia Wilburn, Blake Glozbach, Hazel Pinney, Jasper Silva, Claire Bellucci, Zena Silva, and June Springton.*

Right: Birdie Lewis & Leo Miller



Center: Claire and Amelia Proctor, and Eli Holland

Christmas Children's Gingerbread Decoration Party



Quinn Miller, Faye Manning, unidentified, Birdie Lewis, and Leo Miller, front right unidentified

Jennifer and Norman Silva hosted their third annual children's gingerbread house Christmas event, where children, and a few of the adults, came to decorate

gingerbread houses made of graham crackers, and an assortment of icings and decorative candies. 55 children turned out for the celebration. It was great fun for all.

2025 Membership List

Mary C. Tuley (\$500 - \$1,000)

Bedan, Fran & Richard
Carnighan, Barbara & Kelly
Gohmann, Steve & Myra
McCrickard
Means, Mary (Terstegge)
Wilson, Elizabeth (Bulleit) & Michael

G.W. Morrison (\$200 - \$499)

Breece, Susan & James E., III
Brown, Helen & Ken
Cody, Peggy & Terry
Knable, Jessica & Al
Patterson, Glenn & Becky Mitchell
Pinney, Maggie Galloway & Nathan
Sisk, Elsa & Bob
Sprecher, Kirsten & Jeremy
Stein, Gail
Wolff, Carla & Tom

Resident (\$100 - \$199)

Abnay, Hollee
Bundy, Molly
Culwell, Amy & Rachel
Endris, Phyllis & Nathan
Gish, Rachel
Gohmann, Drs. John & Cindy
Derer
Hadley, Denise & Richard
Haywood, Linda Stein & Rod
Hess, Amy
Irvine, Rebecca & Robert
Kraft, Dottie & Kurt
Limeberry, Barbara & David
Lipps, Susan & Bobby
Manning, Ric
Minnich, Brianne & Alex
Mullineaux, Carole
Nance, Ashley & Craig
Patera, Amy & Nick
Samsel, Sandra & Dennis
Schremser, Tara & Chris
Schultz, Cynthia A.
Smart, Susan & Scott
Stein, Emma
Stinson, Andreas & Daniel
Stumler, Pat & Irv
Summers, Diane & Clay
Tegart, Joseph
Thornton, Mary Anne

Honorary Members

Banet, Anne
Breece, Anthony T.
Gray, Barbara (Baker)
Lorch, Vivian & Basil
Sandefur, Jacob
Smith, Kathy
Stein, Lari Ann & John, Jr.
Tuley, Naydeen

General Membership

Adams, Allen
Allen, Amy Lee Weber
Alles, Larissa & James

Anderson, Jim
Anshutz, Steve
Applegate, Janet
Baker, Pamela & Dan
Barksdale, Debbie & David
Bergman, Jessica & Mathew
Bodner, Winnie & Louie
Bolton, Richard & Lorna
Bowling, Beth
Britton, Eileen, Jerry & Thomas
Bundy, Mary Lynn
Campbell, Deanna & Bruce
Cannon, Barbara
Childress, Linda
Clear, Karen (Sanders) & Peter
Clere, Amy & Edward
Cody, Shane
Coyle, Marianne
Craig, Ron
Daugherty, John
Detenber, Cathy & Steve
Dickey, April & Adam
Duvall, Robin
Dodge, Victoria Gohmann
Eden, Annie & Kevin
Ellis, Raymond Charles II
Ellis, Wiley William
Elsby, Ruth Ann & Robert
Epler, Kent & Rick Millburn
Eplion, Cherie & David
Evanczyk, Wilma & David
Everbach, Nancy & George
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Gagel, Jennifer
Garner, Deborah & James
Garner, Mary Jo
Gibbs, Susan & John
Gilstrap, Tim
Glordan, Susan
Grace, Diana & Jack
Gregorinci, Nancy (Ellis)
Hagedorn, Claire
Hale, Renee
Hall, Mary & Jeffery
Hamilton, Michelle & Bob
Hansford, Carol Sue
Hansford, Leslie Anne
Hardy, Gayle
Harris, Ethel & David
Harritt, Maria & Hunter
Hatfield, Joyce & David
Hawkins, Lynn A.
Hess, Lois
Hocker, Carol
Holland, Christine (Kelso) & Dave
Jaggers, Terra & Eric
Jakoby, Kris & Gary
Janes, Julie
Jenks, Ann Mason & Rick
Johnson, Susan & Gregory
Johnson, Robin & Joseph
Kaelin, Suzanne
Kelso, Emilie
Kaempher, Susan
Kleier, Georgette

Kelso, Bob & Loya
King, Ada & Bradley
Kleier, Liza M Zavakos
Kraft, Katie & Ben
Kraft, George
Kraft, Stephen
Kulaga, James
Lagarenne, Elyse
Lindgren, Britt Marie
Lewis, Barb
Loy, Leah & William
Maetschke, Sharon & Bill
Manias, Callie & Nathan
Manning, Corrie & Evan
Mason, Kay
McClure, Jimmy
McDonald, Linda
Miller, Meegan & Kyle
Miller, Cynthia & Lawrence
Minnich, Deborah A. & Lewis Morris
Munroe, Susan & Richard
Natalie, Melanie & Howard
Newkirk, Dorothy & Rick
O'Bryan, Michael
Offutt, Anne (Garner) & Ron
Parker, Eloise Kelley
Peters, Emily & Brent
Peters, Pam & Curt
Plasencia, Jennifer (Riely)
Proctor, Tiffany & Bryan
Rahe, Steven
Randolph, Meghan & Kirk
Reed, Martha & Bill
Richards, Cindy & Greg
Richter, Debbie
Rider, Barbara
Robinson, Donna & William
Roos, James & Tammy
Ruckman, David
Schamel, Julie & Steve
Schlagenhauf, Larry
Schremser, Ginny
Schultz, Jenifer & Michael
Schultz, Emily & Jesse
Senn, Rita & Bob
Scott-Downs, Susan Jane
Shope, Gregg Kiser
Silva, Jennifer & Norman
Smart, Mary
Smith, Don & Sid Spear
Speed, Savanna & Thomas
Stein, Kate & Corey
Stein, Katie & Drew
Stein, Paula & Louis
Stein, Nancy
Stein, Nicholas
Stein, Martha & Pete
Stem, Sherry K. & Charles C.
Stengel, Susan & Jon
Stern, Walt
Stewart, Christi & Scott
Stickney, Beth Bitzegaio & Michael
Streepey, Helen & Robert
Summers, Steve
Tate, Patricia & Michael
Trinkle, Lore & Bob

Tyler, Alison & Scott
Von Kannel, Joel Jr.
Walker, Susan & Jim
Webb, Deborah
Wells, Joan
Westbrook, Linda (Tuley) & Greg
Whelan, Carol Gohmann
Whitus, Laura Whelan
Wilcox, Lynda
Williams, Carolyn & Paul
Wilson, Linda & Bruce
Witt, Linda
Wolfe, Alice & Dietz
Wright, Tiffany

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Co-Director – Pat Leist Stumler
Secretary – Ric Manning
Treasurer – Rachel Gish

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Tina Kelso Holland
Bobby Lipps
Paula Stein
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